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Applicant: M. RAHIM et al.

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For: RECOGNIZING THE NUMERIC LANGUAGE IN NATURAL SPOKEN DIALOGUE

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.111**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of March 29, 2002 please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please REPLACE the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A system comprising:

a speech recognition processor that receives unconstrained input speech and outputs a string of words that can include a numeric language comprising a set of digits relevant for interpreting and understanding a set of number strings; and

a numeric understanding processor containing classes of rules for converting the string of words into a sequence of digits.